

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 16, page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to solve the above problem and to attain the above objective, the present invention ~~defined in claim 1~~ is an electric wire including:

an electrically conductive core wire;

a coating consisting of synthetic resin for coating the core wire;

a mark formed on a part of an outer surface of the coating by allowing a coloring agent to adhere to the part; and

a coating layer formed on the mark and the outer surface of the coating, the coating layer coating the mark,

wherein the coating layer consists of polyvinylalcohol.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 26, page 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention ~~defined in claim 2~~ is ~~[[the]]~~ an electric wire ~~according to claim 1~~, wherein a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.02 mm to 0.22 mm.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 3, page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention ~~defined in claim 3~~ is ~~[[the]]~~ an electric wire ~~according to claim 1~~, wherein a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.023 mm to 0.22 mm.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 6, page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention ~~defined in claim 4~~ is an electric wire including:

an electrically conductive core wire;

a coating consisting of synthetic resin for coating the core wire;

a mark formed on a part of an outer surface of the coating by allowing a coloring agent to adhere to the part; and

a coating layer formed on the mark and the outer surface of the coating, the coating layer coating the mark,

wherein the coating layer consists of ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 15, page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention ~~defined in claim 5~~ is ~~[[the]]~~ an electric wire ~~according to claim 4~~, wherein thickness of the coating layer is from 0.03 mm to 0.175 mm.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 18, page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Te present invention ~~defined in claim 6~~ is ~~[[the]]~~ an electric wire ~~according to claim 4~~, wherein a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.1 mm to 0.175 mm.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 21, page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 1~~, the coating layer is formed on the mark formed on the outer surface of the electric wire. The coating layer consists of polyvinylalcohol.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 1, page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 2~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.02 mm to 0.22 mm. Therefore, the coating layer securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 3~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.023 mm to 0.22 mm. Therefore, the coating layer more securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 9, page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 4~~, the coating layer is formed on the mark formed on the outer surface of the electric wire. The coating layer consists of ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer. Since the dye of the coloring liquid and the pigment of the coating material are oil-soluble, the coloring agent hardly passes through the coating layer consisting of water-soluble

ethylene-vinylalcohol. Therefore, the coating layer prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 17, page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 5~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.03 mm to 0.175 mm. Therefore, the coating layer securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 21, page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 6~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.1 mm to 0.175 mm. Therefore, the coating layer more securely presents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 14, page 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Table 1, in Comparative Example A, the coating layer 6 consisted of polyolefin. In Comparative Example B, the coating layer 6 consisted of ~~urethane~~ urethane. In Comparative Example C, the coating layer 6 consisted of silicone resin. In Comparative Example D, the coating layer 6 consisted of acrylic resin. In Comparative Example E, the coating layer 6 consisted of natural rubber. In Comparative Example F, the coating layer 6 consisted of fluorine resin. In Comparative

Example G, the coating layer 6 consisted of lacquer. That is, in these Comparative Examples A - G, each coating layer 6 was oil-soluble, which was not water-soluble.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 7, page 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 1~~, the coating layer is formed on the mark formed on the outer surface of the electric wire. The coating layer consists of polyvinylalcohol. Since the dye of the coloring liquid and the pigment of the coating material as the coloring agent are oil-soluble, the coloring agent hardly passes through the coating layer consisting of water-soluble polyvinylalcohol. Therefore, the coating layer prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire. Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble polyvinylalcohol, therefore the coloring agent is prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 20, page 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 2~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.02 mm to 0.22 mm. Therefore, the coating layer securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire. Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble polyvinylalcohol and is formed to have the thickness described above, therefore the coloring agent

is securely prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 4, page 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 3~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.023 mm to 0.22 mm. Therefore, the coating layer more securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire. Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble polyvinylalcohol and is formed to have the thickness described above, therefore the coloring agent is more securely prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 14, page 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 4~~, the coating layer is formed on the mark formed on the outer surface of the electric wire. The coating layer consists of ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer. Since the dye of the coloring liquid and the pigment of the coating material are oil-soluble, the coloring agent hardly passes through the coating layer consisting of water-soluble ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer. Therefore, the coating layer prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire. Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble ethylene-

vinylalcohol copolymer, therefore the coloring agent is prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 1, page 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 5~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.03 mm to 0.175 mm. Therefore, the coating layer securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire. Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer and is formed to have the thickness described above, therefore the coloring agent is securely prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 11, page 32, with the following rewritten paragraph.

In the electric wire of the present invention ~~as defined in claim 6~~, a thickness of the coating layer is from 0.1 mm to 0.175 mm. Therefore, the coating layer more securely prevents the coloring agent, which forms the mark, from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire.

Particularly, in the electric wire for use in a motor vehicle, since the coating layer consists of water-soluble ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer and is formed to have the thickness described above, therefore the coloring agent is more securely prevented from coming off from the outer surface of the electric wire even if the wires are used in severe circumstances for a long period of time.